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Applicant : ALBRECHT BIRNER ET AL.  
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Title : CONFIGURATION AND METHOD FOR MAKING CONTACT  
WITH THE BACK SURFACE OF A SEMICONDUCTOR  
SUBSTRATE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

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U.S. Patent No. 5,209,833 (Foell et al.), dated May 11, 1993;

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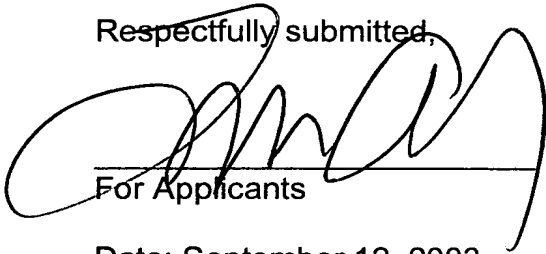
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Respectfully submitted,

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